

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW20  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Vander Woude, Representatives Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Christensen, Lickley, Erickson, Ferch, Mitchell, Chew, Rubel, Davis  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** None

**Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**S 1139:** **Sen. Peter Riggs**, District 3, presented **S 1139**. This legislation clarifies the powers of the Director of the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW). Definitions have been improved to align with federal definitions and include individuals. The ability to impose and enforce a restricted access order was added to assure the quick remediation of any contamination situation. A court redress request by an individual has been included for review of any order. These changes clarify what the Director can do to conduct business during extreme situations and provides citizens with options.

Responding to committee questions, **Sen. Riggs** explained the Director promulgates rules formulated by the DHW Board. He does not have the authority to formulate rules. The rules review process remains the same.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to send **S 1139** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify in person or remotely.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1139** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary